

# AYIOS NIKOLAOS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*"Believe & Achieve"*

Dear parents and carers,

Another great week in school! A special mention goes to our youngest children who have just joined our FS1 Nursery. It has been great to see how quickly they have settled into school life.

Curriculum newsletters have now been uploaded to Seesaw. Please take the time to look at them as they really do give you a great insight to what the children will be learning over the next few weeks.

Next week, we will be uploading KS1 and KS2 power point presentations for parents onto seesaw. These outline the different expectations we have of the children in each year group. Please look out for these as they aim to answer lots of those general types of questions that parents may have at this time of year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Baillie  
Headteacher



# House Points

Each child at Ayios Nikolaos belongs to a house either Kyrenia Reds, Paphos Yellows, Troodos Greens or Famagusta Blues. House points are awarded by any member of staff throughout the week for achievement, demonstrating good behaviour, for work of a high standard, for positive effort and attitude to work/school or for a sporting or team event. There are always extra house points earned for following our **three core values of Respect, Responsibility and Co-operation.**

Each time a child achieves a total of 50 house points, a certificate will be awarded in a celebration assembly. The child in each class with the most house points at the end of each term will receive a special certificate and a badge to keep, as well as a class trophy cup to hold for the forthcoming term. Children who receive the cup three times within their 'school career' at Ayios Nikolaos School will be awarded a special shield.

The house who receives the most house points each week receive a large rosette which is displayed in the hall. At the end of each term the winning team will be congratulated and will have their coloured ribbons placed on the school cup.

It is still early on in the term so Mrs Baillie hasn't had any 50 house point certificates to go out. The team house points are being collected and the honour of which house gets the first rosette will be shared with parents through seesaw ..... At the time of print, it is looking very close with just the year 2, year 5 and year 6 results to tally up!

# Timetable for Forest and Garden School

## Time Table for Autumn Term Forest and Garden School

Autumn Term 1 2020

Year Groups 1-6

Dates	
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Garden School
W/C 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Forest School
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Forest School

Autumn Term 2 2020

Year Groups 1-6

Dates	
W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	Garden School
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Forest School
W/C 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Forest School
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Forest School

### **Kit required will depend on the weather conditions**

Normal weather: Sun cream, hat, old trousers/shorts/leggings, old top, and trainers.

*(note: no white socks or tops – unless very old as will get dirty!)*

Rainy weather add: Waterproof jacket and trousers and wellington boots.

Cold weather add: Jumper and gloves.

A rucksack to carry water and snack

*Please note that on the other weeks the children work from the DaVinci Den where they have their RE lessons as well as working on the Design Technology and Art skills with Miss Smith who is our Creative Curriculum Lead.*

# Getting back into the routine

## **Start/End of School Day**

This is continuing to work really well. We appreciate all families and children keeping to the timeframes so that we reduce the number of adults entering the school grounds for collection and drop off.

Parents popping in to see Rena or India just need to make sure that they use the antibac outside the school office first and maintain social distancing when they go inside. If another parent is inside the office then it is important to wait until they come out first.

## **School Bags/PE kits/water bottles**

The children are now able to bring their book bags to school each day. PE kits are still to be worn on the days the children have PE and will either be worn all day or will come back with the children depending on the year group they are in. Class teachers are using Seesaw to let parents know the expectations for each year group. Children need to have their own water bottles in school that can be refilled regularly at the water stations.

## **Snacks/Brunch – KS2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

We do ask that parents provide children with a small snack for the first break; a cereal bar, chopped vegetables; piece of fruit etc. The children then need to have something a bit more substantial for the 'Brunch Break'. Children need to bring water bottles each day. These can be topped up at the water stations that we have around the School.

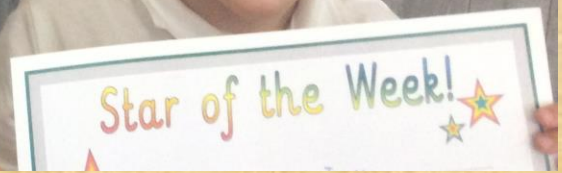
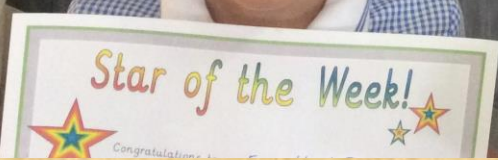
## **Snacks/Brunch – FS2, Y1 and Y2**

As part of a government initiative a few years ago all children in these age groups are provided with free fruit and a packed lunch. These are provided through Sodexo who label up lunches for children who have specific dietary requirements. Lunches have improved/the menu has changed. Parents who have continued to provide packed lunches following the requirement to do so in June and July may want to revisit the menu with their children.

There is no need for parents to provide fruit for the 0930 break. There are plenty of choices for children to choose from and actually as it is a very social experience children tend to try different fruits.

Congratulations to last week's  
'Stars of the Week' in FS2

Every child is a story  
to be told



# Class Attendance Awards



**FS2/KS1 – Well done to Year 2 for 100% attendance.**

**KS2 – Well done to Year 3 for 100% attendance.**

## **Covid-19**

It is really important that children do not attend school if they are displaying symptoms and that they are sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. Parents should contact the Medical Centre should any member of the family display symptoms.

## Dates for your diary



Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September – 3 week interview for parents of pupils new to school

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Red, White and Blue Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Staff Training Day – School closed for pupils

Half Term – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November – Parent/Teacher Meetings

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School closes at 1200 for the Christmas holidays